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SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON EMIGRATION AND
MARRIAGE CASES

REF: BUCHAREST 0534; STATE 037494

1. DURING MEETING ON FEBRUARY 25 WITH FGNMIN MACOVESCU (BUCHAREST 0534), AMBASSADOR RECALLED HIS JANUARY 29 DISCUSSION ON EMIGRATION, NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA (STATE 037494) AND ASKED FOR THE MINISTER'S PROMISED COMMENTS.

2. MACOVESCU ADDRESSED HIMSELF FIRST OF ALL TO QUESTION OF THE DISCREPANCIES IN FIGURES WHICH HAD COME UP DURING GLIGA VISIT. HE THOUGHT SOME DIFFERENCES WERE ACCOUNTED FOR BY GOR FIGURES REFERRING TO APPROVALS, WITH A SMALLER NUMBER DEPARTING FOR THE US COVERING SOME PERSONS WHO PROBABLY LEFT FOR OTHER DESTINATIONS. TO MAKE SURE MACOVESCU ASKED THAT CONSOFF MATCH UP OUR LIST OF APPROVALS WITH THE MFA'S LISTS AND ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONSULAR DIRECTORATE OFFICIALS TO MEET EARLY NEXT WEEK. (COMMENT: CONSOFF WILL USE OCCASION TO REVIEW OUR DECEMBER LIST AS WELL.)

3. MACOVESCU THEN SAID HE REGRETTED HE DID NOT HAVE WITH
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WHICH HE HAD GIVEN AMBASSADOR FIRM ASSURANCES ON ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THERE WILL BE MORE APPROVALS AND THAT BY THE TIME MFN RENEWAL IS DUE THE GOR WILL HAVE A TRACK RECORD ON EMIGRATION WHICH WILL BE ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY. HE ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO CONTINUE TO HAVE PATIENCE.

4. AMBASSADOR SAID IT WAS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF PATIENCE WHICH WE HAD SO LONG AS THE RESULTS WERE SATISFACTORY, BUT ALSO OF AVOIDING ACTIONS WHICH SET OFF ALARM BELLS IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROBLEMS OF EARLY LAST YEAR. AMBASSADOR ALSO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT ERRATIC RATE OF APPROVALS. FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT DUE TO MANNER IN WHICH APPROVALS ARE PROCESSED UNDER ROMANIAN LAW, LIST OF APPROVALS WILL COME IN WAVES RATHER THAN IN EVEN FLOW. MACOVESCU INDICATED EMBASSY SHOULD PREPARE ITSELF FOR ANOTHER WAVE OF APPROVALS SOON, NOTING THAT THE PASSPORT COMMISSION HAD JUST MET.

5. AT THIS POINT, COUNSELOR MITRAN MENTIONED THAT 72 PERSONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR DEPARTURE TO THE US IN JANUARY. SINCE PROCESSING OF THESE CASES HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED, HOWEVER, NAMES OF PERSONS APPROVED HAVE NOT YET BEEN TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY.

6. AMBASSADOR MENTIONED AGAIN HIS CONCERN ABOUT SLOWDOWN IN THE APPROVALS OF MARRIAGE CASES. MACOVESCU REPLIED WHOLE QUESTION OF MARRIAGES WAS INDEED UNDER REVIEW. HE IMPLIED THAT AS SOON AS NEW GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, GOR WOULD RESOLVE OUTSTANDING MARRIAGE CASES. ALTHOUGH HE DECLINED TO GIVE A FIRM ESTIMATE OF TIME, HE INDICATED THAT THINGS WERE MOVING REASONABLY POSITIVELY AND SHOULD BE RESOLVED SOON. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT ALMOST ALL CASES UP TO NOW HAD BEEN SOLVED, ALBEIT MORE SLOWLY THAN WE WOULD HAVE LIKED, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT 49 OUTSTANDING CASES WOULD BE ACTED UPON QUICKLY AND FAVORABLY.

7. COMMENT: AFTER THE DIP IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, VISA ISSUANCE HAS PICKED UP AGAIN. AS DEPT ALREADY AWARE, WE HAVE ISSUED 70 IV'S AND 4 TCP'S IN JANUARY AND 65 IV'S AND 15 TCP'S SO FAR IN FEBRUARY.
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